Coastal Highway Port Connectivity Project

781. MS. PRAMILA BOHIDAR:
SHRI B.J. PANDA:

Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is fact that a Coastal Highway Port Connectivity Project is proposed to be planned in Kerala with Central assistance;

(b) if so, the details of the project;

(c) whether such a project is also in the offing in Orissa; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the time-frame within which it would be taken up for execution?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI K.H. MUNIYAPPA): (a) and (b) No, Sir. However, road connectivity to major ports in the country including connectivity to Cochin Port in Kerala has been taken up under the Port Connectivity Programme. Under this programme, four laning of national Highway 47 in a length of 10 km (from Vytilla to Aroor) in Kerala has been taken up and is scheduled for completion by August, 2006.

(c) Road connectivity to Paradip port in Orissa has also been taken up under the above programme.

(d) Four laning of National Highway 5A in a length of 77 km (from Chandikhole to Paradip) in Orissa has been taken up and is scheduled for completion by February, 2007.

Parameter of daily income

†782. SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:
DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the parameter of daily income of a person living below poverty line is 0.21 Dollar in India whereas it is 24.6 Dollar in America;

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(b) if not, the assessment of Government in this regard;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the income of poor in Pakistan, Sri Lanka, Malayasia, Korea, Japan is higher than that of India's poor person; and

(d) if so, the income estimated in each of the above-mentioned countries?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRI M.V. RAJASEKHARAN): (a) and (b) The poverty lines in India are specified on a State-wise basis and national poverty line is not used. The State-wise poverty line of 1999-2000 is given in the enclosed Statement. The weighted average poverty line of all the States is Rs. 327.56 per capita per month in rural areas and Rs. 454.11 per capita per month in urban areas. At the average exchange rate of 1999-2000 of Rs. 43.333 per US dollar the above poverty line translates to 0.25$ per day for rural areas and 0.35 $ per day for Urban areas. It may be mentioned that the Indian poverty lines are based on per capita consumption expenditure and not on incomes.

(c) and (d) Comparable data of the income of poor in Pakistan, Sri Lanka, Malasia, Korea, Japan are not available with the Planning Commission.

Statement

State-Specific Poverty Lines in 1999-2000

(Rs. per capita per month)

No.	State	Rural	Urban
1.	Andhra Pradesh	262.94	457.40
2.	Assam	365.43	343.99
3.	Bihar	333.07	379.78
4.	Gujarat	318.94	474.41
5.	Haryana	362.81	420.20
6.	Himachal Pradesh	367.45	420.20
7.	Karnataka	309.59	511.44
8.	Kerala	374.79	477.06
9.	Madhya Pradesh	311.34	481.65

No.	State	Rural	Urban
10.	Maharashtra	318.63	539.71
11.	Orissa	323.92	473.12
12.	Punjab	362.68	388.15
13.	Rajasthan	344.03	465.92
14.	Tamil Nadu	307.64	475.60
15.	Uttar Pradesh	336.88	416.29
16.	West Bengal	350.17	409.22
17.	Delhi	362.68	505.45
	All India#	**327.56**	**454.11**

The poverty line (implicit) at are India Level is worked out from the expenditure class-wise distribution of persons and the poverty ratio at All-India Level. The poverty ratio at All-India level is obtained as the weighted average of the State-wise povety ratio.

Committee for Determining BPL people

†783. DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI:
SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have constituted any Committee to decide new parameters for obtaining correct information about the people living below poverty line in the country.

(b) if so, the facts in this regard;

(c) the date on which the existing parameters for obtaining information about the poverty in the country was decided; and

(d) the details of these parameters?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRI M.V. RAJASEKHARAN): (a) and (b) No Sir, at present the Government have not constituted any Committee to decide new parameters for obtaining correct information about the people living below poverty line in the country.

(c) The existing parameters for obtaining information about the poverty in the country was decided on the basis of the recommendations by the Expert Group on 'Estimation of Proportion and Number of Poor' (Lakdawala Committee). The Expert Group, which was constituted in September, 1989,

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